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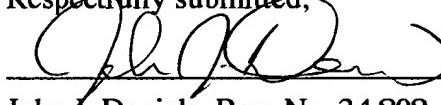
In the last office action the Examiner issued a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment stating that the last filed amended, filed on September 17, 2001, does not include a clean version of the amended claims.

Applicant's counsel thanks the Examiner for pointing out the error and apologizes for any inconvenience.

By this Response, a clean version of the amended claims 1-12 and 14- 20 is hereby presented.

Respectfully submitted,

October 9, 2001

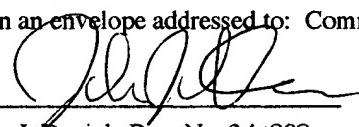

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